

Hospital Trains

Mommy's Little Helpers

Have you ever seen a five year old child change a diaper? If you haven't you don't know what you are missing.

A new session has been added to the family-centered maternity care program at Baptist Memorial Hospital East (Memphis): the Sibling Class. A component of the family-centered approach to maternity care, the purpose of this class is to foster a feeling of security and togetherness for all members of the family, especially the child.

The session is held in conjunction with the natural childbirth classes. The sibling class is taught every fourth week at which time mothers are encouraged to bring their children, ages three and up.

What goes on in a class? The children are taken on a tour to see the new babies and are shown an empty hospital room "to see where mother will be." A nurse demonstrates how to hold, bathe, and feed the newborn and each child gets to diaper a doll. There is a formula tasting period. What new babies do and how to help mother is

discussed. Safety is also included as the children are taught not to stick things in the new babies' eyes, ears, etc.

One of the mothers whose child attended the class, said "As a mother it was thrilling to see what they taught the children and how they handled them. The nurses managed them beautifully." Little David, who calls babies "no necks" because they don't have necks, said he loved the class. "Seeing those babies in the plastic houses was neat."

The comments from the kids are just as much fun as watching them. A remark by a five year old when asked by another child, do you want a boy or girl was: "You don't get any choice — you take what you get and that's that!" And, a nine year old girl stated, "My dad wants a boy. You know how men are — he wanted a boy when I was born."

There are five objectives of the class, according to Pat Stanfill, Assistant Director, Maternal and Child Health Nursing:

1. To promote growth of the family unit by facilitating a good relationship between the child and newborn.
2. To decrease sibling rivalry by increasing the child's knowledge of the baby's need.
3. To describe (in children's terms) the hospital environment.
4. To increase the child's knowledge of the newborn.
5. To alleviate fear of separation from the mother during her hospital stay.

The classes are very successful and more children than anticipated have been attending. Everyone knows what it is like for siblings who are about to have an "addition" to the family... they are very apprehensive about the "intruder" coming into their lives. The class really helps to alleviate this... it definitely recognizes the needs of the children.



David Bradford learns to change a diaper as a part of the new Sibling Class at Baptist Memorial Hospital East (Memphis).



Kathy Smith, R.N., patient education coordinator responsible for developing the Sibling Class at Baptist Memorial Hospital East (Memphis), tours the children.

Higher Postage

Subscription Rate To Increase

By The Editor

A postage rate increase which went into effect with our issue of July 17 has forced the Baptist Record to plan for an increase in subscription costs beginning Jan. 1, 1981.

The new rate for the Every Family Plan, whereby the church acts as the circulation agency for the entire membership, will be \$3.48 per family per year. This will be an increase of 24 cents per family per year over the present rate of \$3.24. This amounts to a 7 percent increase, which, of course, is less than the rate of inflation. The new postage rate was a 21 percent increase.

On a monthly basis, the new rate will be 29 cents per family per month. It was felt that churches using the Every

Family Plan would want this information as early as possible in order to use it in their budget planning.

This is not the highest nor the lowest of subscription rates for the Baptist state papers across the nation. Many factors affect the cost of getting the paper to the subscribers. One of the biggest factors is size, for newsprint is a major item in the cost of the production. The Baptist Record is consistently one of the two largest in the nation in size, meaning we can carry more news of interest to all Baptists than we would be able to with a smaller format.

The other two plans for subscribing, the club plan and the annual individual subscription, will also be increased accordingly. The club plan will be in-

creased from \$3.96 to \$4.24, and the annual individual subscription will be increased from \$4.25 to \$4.55.

While the Baptist Record regrets the necessity of increasing the circulation costs, we feel that at \$3.48 the paper is still very much worthwhile. The 24-cent increase is less than one-half cent per week for the 50 issues for each subscriber. With a circulation of 128,500, we are the third largest in the nation among the state papers. The large circulation allows us to be able to handle added expenses on such small circulation cost increases.

We appreciate the confidence placed in us by the Baptists of Mississippi, and surely we at the Baptist Record will continue to strive to be sure that the confidence is well placed.

Victoria Tolbert Set Free; Given Security In Liberia

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Victoria A. Tolbert, wife of the late William R. Tolbert, former president of Liberia, has been set free after being held by authorities since her husband's assassination April 12.

Mrs. Tolbert, president of Woman's Missionary Union for the Liberia Baptist Convention, was released July 12, according to John E. Mills, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's director for west Africa, who just returned from Liberia. She was given a house, a car, a driver, and two security

officers and was told she was free to go anywhere, according to a government radio report.

Southern Baptist missionaries have visited her and said she looks well, Mills reported. Several family members are still being questioned by a government tribunal and one of Tolbert's sons, A. B. Tolbert, is still in custody.

Mills met with the permanent secretary to Liberia's head of state who told him that missionary activity is still appreciated and that the country

still needs Southern Baptist help, especially in education. Mills said an 11 p.m. curfew is still in effect but churches are meeting normally.

Baptist women from all over the world met in connection with the 14th Baptist World Congress in Toronto, Canada, the week previous to Mrs. Tolbert's release and made her release a matter of prayer. A resolution asking for Mrs. Tolbert's release was passed by the Woman's Department of Baptist World Alliance.

Belzoni Waters Mobilize New Disaster Unit

Eleven inches of rain in 14 hours last week at Belzoni brought a request from the Red Cross for help from Mississippi Baptists, and the Brotherhood Department's new motor home was placed into service to provide hot meals for the victims.

This motor home was obtained for Mississippi Baptists due largely to the efforts of Joe Triplett, the associate pastor, of First Baptist Church, Jackson, who died recently with cancer.

Two hundred homes were flooded in the small Delta city. All but two of them were homes of black families. Four hundred persons spent at least

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Brotherhood volunteers prepare food for Red Cross volunteers to deliver to Belzoni flood victims.

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SBC Education Commission Delivers Report To Clarke

By Don McGregor

A 68-page report on Clarke College prepared by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention was delivered this week to the Mississippi Baptist Christian Education Commission and the Clarke trustees by Arthur Walker, executive director-treasurer of the SBC commission, and George Capps, its associate director.

In addition were nine pages of appendices.

The study report made no recommendations. Instead it addressed itself to an assessment of the various facets of the college situation and operation. Its sections covered the purpose of the college, its administration, the faculty, the curriculum, the students, the finances, and the physical facilities. The report also included some conclusions that were drawn by the study team and some possible options that might be considered. Walker stressed that the options listed were not intended to be thought of as being exhaustive.

In introducing the report Walker pointed out that the purpose for Clarke College needs a particularity whereby it might make the Mississippi Baptist Convention aware of why the school exists. He added that a denomination must first know why it is in Christian education before it can judge a college.

He said a specificity gives a college a reason to exist, and the study of Clarke has given the convention a chance for a commitment to Christian higher education.

Walker said that of the options that are available to the college, a combination of options would give it additional strength. "With additional strength will come more options," he added. "What must be dealt with immediately are the options which the college has to give it a position of strength."

The trustees of the college took the report under advisement immediately and are expected to announce soon their choice of direction for the college. M. L. Flynt, a Meridian physician, is chairman of the trustees.

The study of the Clarke College situation was requested in the spring of 1979 in a joint recommendation by the

Christian Education Commission and the trustees. It was subsequently endorsed by both the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the convention.

The study was said to have been requested because of the financial condition of the school, a condition which was declared to have been brought on by declining enrollment. College officials, however, now point to a possible reversal of that trend.

The Clarke administration and the trustees requested a hearing on March 14 of this year by the Executive Committee of the Convention Board and the Christian Education Commission to discuss financial conditions at the college. The result was that the Executive Committee assured the operation of the college through the spring of 1981, during which time the SBC Education Commission would have completed its (Continued on page 2)

Church Finds Handle For Leader Training

By Tim Nicholas

The membership of First Baptist Church, Clinton, have no valid complaint about lack of trained leaders. It's one of the best trained churches in the Southern Baptist Convention — according to training statistics.

Matter of fact, during the last reporting period, Oct. 79 - Apr. 80, the church leaders received the ninth highest number of study course awards in the SBC with 318. And they were highest in Sunday School study course awards with 199. The next highest in the SBC was Travis Ave. Church in Ft. Worth, Tex., with 163.

Why bother? Minister of education Gene Hendrix explains that "the material in those books is what our folks need to know to be better teachers."

Apparently, it helps. Just ending a two year "Growth Spiral" program

this September, the church had added about 200 a year to its Sunday School rolls. And last year, the church baptized more than it had in the previous 20 years with 41.

Hendrix says that leadership training is a major emphasis in his ministry and "the study course work is just a handle."

"We've been pushing this for two years," says Hendrix. The church emphasizes the five program areas (Sunday School, Church Training, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, and Church Music), plus recreation, media center, and Christian development.

Hendrix says the church has challenged (Continued on page 2)

Staff Prepares State Missions Presentations

Staff members of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will be available for speaking engagements in churches for the dates of Sept. 14 and 17, according to Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer. The purpose is for helping disseminate information regarding the Margaret Lackey State Missions Offering for Mississippi and the ministry which it is to accomplish.

A new item added in this year is a ministry at Parchman Prison. The Lottie Moon Offering is used to help finance missions efforts around the world, and the Annie (Continued on page 2)

Pollard Resigns FBC, Jackson

Frank Pollard, pastor of Jackson's First Baptist Church has resigned to become pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex.

The Jackson church has also had two other staff changes. Frank Butler, minister, to young adults and college, resigned to enter secular business in Atlanta. And Mike Jeter, assistant to the pastor, moved over to take Butler's place.

Pollard, at First Church since 1974 when he came from the pastorate of Shiloh Terrace Church, Dallas, Tex., is a graduate of Texas A&M University and Southwestern Seminary. He was awarded the honorary doctor of divinity from Mississippi College in 1976.

He has been speaker for "The Baptist Hour" radio program since 1975 and has been host of "At Home With the Bible," which has been on syndi-

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Baylor Trustees Resolve Text Controversy, Shelving Book

By Toby Drain

WACO, Texas (BP) — Baylor University trustees have unanimously approved a 10-point report of their Academic Affairs Committee, which shelve the controversial "People of the Covenant" as a primary textbook for Old Testament courses and underscores commitment to a 1963 statement of Baptist Faith and Message for current and future faculty members of the department of religion.

The Bible, the statement said, will be the textbook for survey courses required of all Baylor students. The department of religion will teach it as the word of God and each teacher will "make clear his own personal belief and position" in line with affirmation of his commitment to the 1963 statement.

In a question and answer session after presentation of the report, Baylor President Abner V. McCall said he expects no changes of teachers in the department of religion and said the report was "largely a declaration of what we're already doing."

"No major changes are mandated, just putting emphasis on the Bible and letting it speak for itself," McCall said.

"People of the Covenant" was never a basic textbook, the president said. "All of the professors use several and it was just one of them."

The new plan will list three reference books of which "People of the Covenant" may be one, McCall said. "Whatever the mainstream of Baptist belief is the students are going to hear about it," he said.

All of the current professors in the department of religion have voluntarily signed the 1963 statement of Baptist Faith and Message, McCall said. It is not a requirement, he added, although a faculty member's position on the statement is "ascertained" before he is hired.

The report also calls for a Bible conference each year at Baylor to provide fellowship, lectures, inspired and discussion for Baptist leadership.

The trustees approved the report in a closed session in Pat Neff Hall, the university administration building, on July 18, denying access to news media "to enable the trustees to freely discuss the report," said W. Dewey Presley of Dallas, chairman of the trustees.

Discussion was "open and candid" during the meeting, which lasted more than an hour, said James T. Draper Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Texas. Draper's charges last fall that "People of the Covenant," written in 1963 by H. Jack Flanders and two other men, was "liberal" prompted the year-long study.

Flanders became chairman of the department of religion June 1, succeeding Ray Summers who retired.

Flanders' chairmanship of the department was never discussed, said Draper and Milton E. Cunningham of Houston, chairman of the academic affairs committee, who read the statement at a press conference.

Draper said he had positive feelings about the report and its approval and said, "If we mean what we say, it will give us a means for assuring the future" of teaching at the Baylor department of religion.

Evangelism, Sunday School To Sponsor Church Growth Meets

The Sunday School and Evangelism departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will during August sponsor Church Growth Meetings at four places on four dates, in four sections of the state.

Dates and places are: Aug. 18, First Church, Senatobia; Aug. 19, First Church, Winona; Aug. 25, First Church, Laurel; Aug. 26, First Church, McComb. Each of the conferences will be from 7 to 9 p.m.

Dale Cross, director of Metropolitan Evangelism Strategy for the Home Mission Board, will speak at Senatobia and Winona on "Evangelism: The Heart of Growth."

Robert Hamblin, associate professor of evangelism, New Orleans Seminary, will speak at Laurel and McComb on "Making Your Organizations Evangelistic."

Five from the state Sunday School department will lead Sunday School conferences: Billy Hudgens, Working with Children and Christian Conversion; Bryant Cummings, Revival Preparation — "Speaking in His Name"; Larry Salter, Outreach Evangelism Through the Sunday School; Mose Dargatzis, People Search — How to Find the Prospects; and Judd Allen, Training and Using Outreach Leaders. Persons present at the meetings will rotate from group to group.

Dale Cross, a native of Missouri, joined the evangelism section of the Home Mission Board in 1977. Before then he was director of associational services for the Chicago Metro Baptist



MBREA Officers Meet To Plan

The Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association officers for 1980-81 held a planning meeting July 17 at the Baptist Building. The officers are, left to right: Leon Emery, director, Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, president; Bryan Harris, minister of youth, First, Columbus, vice-president; Gene Hendrix, minister of education, First, Clinton, president-elect; Evelyn Redd, office secretary, Sunday School department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, secretary-treasurer. The group discussed plans for the fall meeting of MBREA, Nov. 11 at First, Clinton, during the Mississippi Baptist Convention; and for the Feb. 19-21, 1981 MBREA meeting in Biloxi.



Cross Hamblin Association. Earlier, he had served under similar appointment in Detroit. Also he has been a pastor and a public school teacher. He has degrees from Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary.

Robert Hamblin, Ohio native, had been pastor at Harrisburg Church,

Tupelo for 22 years when he resigned recently to accept the teaching post at New Orleans Seminary. A graduate of Union University, Jackson, TN, he earned bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Seminary.

He was president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention 1976-78 and served three years as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in addition to his service on the board for 12 years.

Bryant Cummings, Sunday School department director, will preside at the Laurel and McComb conferences. Roy Collum, Evangelism department director, will preside at the Senatobia and Winona conferences.

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one night at the Red Cross shelter. Others stayed with relatives and friends.

The Mississippi Baptist unit arrived on Thursday to coordinate the feeding activities. The food was distributed door-to-door by the Red Cross. At noon Friday and at noon Saturday women of First Baptist Church, Belzoni, prepared sandwiches for the flood victims. Hot meals were prepared on both evenings by the crew at the motor home.

Water had already receded from the city by Friday, but the families were not able to be settled back in their homes that early. The problem had not been rising water from a swollen river but so much rain so fast that it could not drain properly.

Rusty Griffin of the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Department coordinated the efforts. Elmo Bounds of Houston and Omega Shamblin of Vicksburg went to Belzoni with the motor home and stayed through the emergency. Other volunteers came on Friday and on Saturday nights.

"The motor home is the answer for such a small area as was involved in this flood," Griffin said. "There was no need for the big disaster unit," a 40-foot tractor-trailer rig, he added.

Efforts of Mississippi Baptists in disaster relief are financed through the Margaret Lackey State Missions Offering.

ing in Dallas in April to organize laymen in the Dallas Baptist Association to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis. The meeting was held in the Spurgeon-Harris Building, which houses the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies. The center's president, Paige Patterson, was principal speaker for the meeting and outlined a plan to elect a president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Patterson is also the brother-in-law of Kaemmerling, but said last week he had little knowledge of Kaemmerling's plans.

"I am trying not to be informed," he said in a telephone interview, and said he had "absolutely nothing" to do with Kaemmerling's move to the Dallas area.

(Drain is associate editor of the Texas Baptist Standard.)

"Baptist Advocate" Begins In Dallas, Tex.

By Toby Drain

DALLAS (BP) — Russell Kaemmerling, whose separation from the editorship of Southern Baptist Journal prompted a split in the ranks of the ultra-conservative Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, has obtained a charter for a new magazine in Texas and said he expects to begin publication in August.

The charter was granted by the Texas secretary of state for the Southern Baptist Advocate, which Kaemmerling said will "feature issues and articles of interest to a broad range of Southern Baptists."

The magazine, he said, "ultimately and hopefully will be financed through subscriptions" as well as private donations.

Kaemmerling, a Texas native and graduate of Lamar University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been pastor of First Baptist Church, West Columbia, S.C., for the last three years. He resigned July 13 to move to the Dallas area because "I just like it here."

Kaemmerling, 31, became editor of the Southern Baptist Journal last December, succeeding William Powell. The Journal, like the proposed new Advocate, has no official ties with the Southern Baptist Convention or its state conventions, despite its name.

The Journal was founded in 1973 by Powell and the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship to expose Southern Baptist "liberals" and reportedly has a circulation of 9,000.

Proposed initially to be a monthly, the Journal has been published infrequently. It was in a dispute over future direction of the Journal that Kaemmerling came out on the short end of a 9-2 vote of BFMF directors to return the editorship to Powell.

Kaemmerling says he resigned before the vote. Powell says Kaemmerling resigned after the vote.

Several of the BFMF directors also resigned, including chairman M. O. Owens Jr. of Gastonia, N. C. Owens said at the time that a new publication likely would be started.

The Southern Baptist Advocate was incorporated June 23, according to the office of the Texas secretary of state.

Interim directors of the corporation are Kaemmerling; Duane Evans, a Dallas businessman; and D. August Boto, Dallas attorney. Both Evans and Boto are member of First Baptist Church, Dallas.

Boto was one of the hosts for a meet-

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lenged the Sunday School leadership to earn their leadership diplomas. That takes six courses with a minimum of five hours per course. A total of 39 have been awarded so far.

The church offers the leadership courses in the Church Training hour, and during Wednesday night planning sessions. They've encouraged home study and "we have some directors who teach a book within their own department," says Hendrix.

There are other times the church offers the training. Every year for Sunday School Preparation Week, the church teaches a book for credit. Also the January Bible Study, Doctrinal Emphasis Week, Christian Home Week, and the Home and Foreign Mission Studies each year all offer opportunities for training.

This next month, the church will hold a special Church Training Rally. At that rally, 90 people will receive Christian Development Diplomas — most of which were earned during the Church Training hour.

First Church Pastor Bill Baker points to Hendrix' promotion of the courses as important to their effectiveness. "There's been a super response from these courses," says Baker, who believes that a growing church must have a growing Sunday School. "That's the only organization in the church that is responsible for reaching and teaching and winning and discipling — basically carrying out the Great Commission."

Baker says the church when it was renovated last year, built a leadership training room — just for that purpose, "and in a conspicuous place," adds Baker.

The church doesn't simply teach its leaders within its four walls. It promotes training at the assemblies — Ridgecrest, Gloria, and Gulfshore Baptist Assembly. There's even a budget item to help members expenses to the assemblies.

Baker says the assemblies help build "an enthusiasm and growth consciousness."

The fall the church is beginning a "potential Sunday School leadership" course, adapting it to existing materials.

"We've got quality materials," says

Hendrix of the Sunday School Board's products, "and we're getting a handle on using them in church programs."

Below are top Mississippi churches in Sunday School Leadership Awards Requests for the last six month reporting period.

Church	City	Requests
First	Clinton	199
Byram	Jackson	79
Calvary	Jackson	73
Southside	Meridian	73
Harrisburg	Tupelo	73
Daniel Memorial	Jackson	67
Ridgeland	Ridgeland	60
First	Natchez	53
First	Biloxi	47
First	Corinth	40
First	Vicksburg	35
First	Juka	34
First	Philadelphia	33
First	Hazlehurst	32
First	Belzoni	32
Parkway	Jackson	31
Calvary	Tupelo	30
Fairview	Columbus	30
First	McComb	29
Highland	Vicksburg	28
Centerville	Centerville	27
First	Hattiesburg	26
Lexie	Tylertown	26
First	Ellisville	25
First	Starkville	25

Pollard Resigns

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cated television since 1977.

A member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Pollard was featured in the Dec. 31, 1979, issue of Time magazine as one of America's "star" preachers.

Pollard's last day with the Jackson church will be Aug. 3. He is slated to begin the San Antonio pastorate Aug. 24.

His wife is the former Jane Shepard. They have a son and a daughter.

Religion consists in the knowledge and love of God, as manifested in the Son of his love, through the Eternal Spirit. And this naturally leads to every heavenly temper, and to every good word and work. — John Wesley

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study and alternatives that were facing the college would have been given due consideration.

The action taken by the Executive Committee is subject to the provisions of Article XVII, Section 2 of the Mississippi Baptist Convention constitution. This section states that any deficit spending by an institution must be approved by the Mississippi Christian Education Commission. The action of the Executive Committee also pointed out that the trustees of the college are responsible for its operation and assures them of the support of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Billy Thames, president of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College and chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Education Commission, said the commission recognizes the fact that the responsibility of running the school lies with the Board of Trustees. "We are going to do everything we can to support them," he added. "We are going to work together and cooperate in order that whatever decision is made will be in the best interests of Mississippi Baptists."

A. C. Johnson, president of Clarke College, said, "We feel that Dr. Walker and his commission did a splendid job in preparing the study of Clarke College and that the presentation of the report was excellent. Many suggestions and ideas were contained in the report which should be most helpful in the future planning for Clarke College."

"The administration and trustees of Clarke College will be studying the report carefully to determine how the report can be most effectively utilized. We are excited about the spirit of cooperation which prevails among all of the people interested in the future of the college."

Doug Kellum Appointed FMB Missionary



Douglas L. Kellum was among the 28 persons named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board during its July meeting at board headquarters in Richmond, Va.

Kellum will be a general evangelist in Thailand, where he has been a volunteer refugee worker for the Foreign Mission Board for the last three years. He is a member of First Baptist Church, Tutwiler, Miss.

After serving in Vietnam while in the U.S. Army, Kellum returned there as a Southern Baptist missionary journeyman for two years. Later he was a caseworker for Southern Baptist refugee resettlement at Fort Chaffee, Ark., and an international student worker at University of Louisville (Ky.). He also was youth director of First Baptist Church, Lambert, Miss., and a houseparent at a juvenile detention center in Louisville.

Born in Clarkdale, Miss., Kellum grew up in Tutwiler. He received the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College, Clinton, and the master of religious education degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.



Gulfshore Summer Staffers

Front row, left to right: Lynda Lichtenberg, Long Beach; Rhoda Barrett, Long Beach; Karen Pickle, Koscusko; Catherine Brown, Summit; Kristen Murray, Pass Christian; Dawn Zeitfuss, Pass Christian; Becky Butler, Corinth; Edith Thompson, Pass Christian; Angela Provenzano, New Orleans; Lydia Wilbanks, New Albany; Paula Daymond, Long Beach.

Second row, left to right: Bina Borde, Columbus; Steve Wilkinson, Gulfport; Tina Mullins, Wesson; Beverly Walker, Yazoo City; Cathy Newell, Hazlehurst; Nancy Sparkman, DeKalb; Kim Prine, Long Beach; Janet Greer, Tupelo; Karen Norris, Memphis; Joyce Butler, Jackson; Jana Hemphill, Louisville; Hope, Starnes, Greenville; Tina Hemphill, Louisville.

Third row, left to right: Hurshel Sullivan, staff house parent, Ft. Worth, TX; Garland Rowe, Long Beach; Alan Prine, Long Beach; Tim Holt, Bay Springs; Steve White, Yazoo City; Terry Rigg, Tupelo; Marty Dillard, Booneville; Gerald Prine, Long Beach; Randy McClellan, Tupelo;

Mark Gunn, Forest; Robby Boyd, Bay St. Louis.

Fourth row, left to right: Mitch Tyner, Canton; Billy Wedgeworth, Long Beach; Mark Franklin, Long Beach; Steven Jefcoat, Soso; Holland McDaniel, Tupelo; Nathan Pitts, Tupelo; Jeff Love, Madisonville, KY; Frank Simmons, manager, Long Beach; Dale Gibson, Long Beach.

Not pictured: Lori McClendon, Poplarville; B. J. Murphree, Meridian; Connie Penton, Picaune; Debbie Sullivan, staff house parent, Ft. Worth, TX.

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McClellan Reflects On 50 Years

By Craig Bird
ST. LOUIS (BP) — In 1948 Albert McClellan covered the Southern Baptist Convention as editor of the Oklahoma Baptist newspaper. The meeting in St. Louis was bitter as Frank Norris rented an auditorium in the same building as the SBC.

Norris, who led a charge against Southern Baptist "modernists" and eventually led a split with the convention, "filled that auditorium just prior to our meeting and preached against the convention and castigated it," McClellan recalled at the most recent meeting of the SBC in St. Louis.

As the associate executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee thought back over his 50 years of observing Southern Baptist life, the final session of the 1980 SBC meeting was unfolding in St. Louis. It was the last session for McClellan as secretary of program planning. He retires Dec. 31 after 31 years on the Executive Committee staff.

He was tired, having worked 10 to 12 hour days with the resolutions committee — a committee that was heavily influenced by another reaction to "modernists" — or "liberals" as they are termed now. Around the convention had swirled muted predictions of splits, strongly worded resolutions aimed at stripping convention employees of voting privileges at future conventions and at requiring signed statements of faith.

But Albert McClellan wasn't ready to assign the SBC a weakened role in years to come.

"I see a bright future for our churches," he insisted. "Oh, we're going to change, we've always changed. I know there will be a regrouping, a reassessment after three confrontations."

"These things (clashes such as the present inerrancy battle) came and go, rise and fall, they provide a shaping and a reshaping. Right now, as a convention, we are going through an ebbing of spirit — but we will come out of it

even stronger. We are shaped for the future out of even the most negative events," he explained. "And what happened here is becoming a healing process. It will help us find new directions of service. It will drive us to examine where we stand and why we stand there."

McClellan, recognized for years as one of the deepest thinkers in the convention, did not reach his conclusions lightly. Nor does he feel the bright future he foresees is inevitable.

There are elements that could wreck the nation's largest non-Catholic denomination (13.4 million members). And there are different "consciousnesses" dominating the Southern Baptist churches of the 1980s than those of the 1950s.

"The spirit of independence that was on the outside when Frank Norris was attacking the convention is now on the inside," McClellan said. "If we again have someone come into our midst and write books and make accusations and get people to following him — then we could be in trouble as a convention."

"But if outsiders will leave Southern Baptists alone, we will learn and grow from this experience."

McClellan sees a major shift since the 1950s from an attitude of affirmation to one of deflation, "toward one another," he said. "This business of accusing your brothers can come close to witch-hunting and derives from our Puritan background."

He says the convention outlook has shifted from rural to urban since 1949 when he joined the Executive Committee as public relations officer. Churches are less willing to cooperate with the national convention, state conventions are becoming continually stronger and the push toward "so-called super churches" is becoming widespread.

"In the 1950s there was a tremendous loyalty to Sunday School as a program of enlistment," McClellan explains. "Our people could travel

3,000 miles and go to church and find the same quarterly, the same six-point record system, the same registry on the walls and the same posters in the halls. This developed an awareness of 'I am a Southern Baptist' that was more than a label, it was a commitment. That made us denomination conscious."

"We were missions conscious because of the Advance Program launched in 1947 (comparable to Bold Mission Thrust now) that had a goal of 2,500 missionaries. And we had a revival conscious, which I distinguish from evangelistic conscious, because every church had regular revivals, most several a year and many of them lasted for two weeks."

McClellan feels these "consciousnesses" are still "a part of us" but are less dominant now as a whole new set of consciousnesses emerge:

—Congregations are more building conscious. "The plant becomes the thing and the pastor tends to grade himself on the size of his gym and the number of buses the church operates";

—Larger churches especially are obsessed with media — they have to be on television or have a radio show and the media becomes not so much an evangelistic arm as a way of enhancing the audience and a status symbol, and;

—We respond more to our culture. "Some of the things we do in our churches are nothing more than an accommodation to the times instead of being biblically, mission or historically based. They are desperate to be like whatever is working somewhere else in our denomination or community."

"I'm not saying these things are bad, I'm just saying they are there and they affect the way the Southern Baptist Convention functions," he said.

What could wreck the SBC?

"What I fear the most is the 'other side' organizing to oppose the announced move by the conservatives to take over the convention,"



McClellan declared: "A convention can survive one organized group but it can't tolerate two competing factions without splitting."

He pointed to the historical example of the Northern Baptist Convention. In 1950 it split after a power struggle between the Roger Williams Fellowship and the Conservative Fellowship, becoming the American Baptist Convention and the Conservative Baptist Convention.

"You can check their records and see how badly it hurt them — they have never recovered," McClellan said. Fortunately, he sees three forces that help offset any tendency for the organization of conflicting caucuses: the strong state conventions, the six regional seminaries and a more democratic organization of the convention than the Northern Baptists used.

"We'll be okay," he declared again, getting ready to bite into the cold hot dog that would be his evening meal as it neared 8 p.m. "I have great confidence in Southern Baptists. Our future is bright."

John Carter Dies July 27

John Franklin Carter, former president of Clarke College, died early July 27 in Louisiana.



Born Feb. 10, 1888, Carter came to Clarke in 1920 as professor of Bible and worked for Clarke for all but four years at Clear Creek Bible School in Pineville, Ky.

He served as president of Clarke on two occasions and as dean in addition to his teaching responsibilities. A graduate of Mississippi College, he held the master of arts degree from Mercer University, the master and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Seminary, and the doctor of philosophy degree from University of Dubuque, Iowa.

He was author of two books, "Layman's Harmony of the Gospel," and "A Layman's Manual of Christian Doctrine," plus numerous booklets.

Carter was married to the former Mattie Mae George who died last October. An active charter member of Calvary Church, Newton, Carter was to be buried July 29 in Newton.

His sons are John T. Carter, Birmingham, and Henry S. Carter, DeRidder, La.

January Conference Will Launch Doctrinal Emphasis

NASHVILLE — W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, will be the featured speaker Jan. 29-30 for a conference on the doctrine of the church.

The conference is sponsored by the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

The purpose of the conference, to be held at the board, is to introduce a year long emphasis on the doctrine of the church.

Criswell will present three 45-minute messages during the two-day conference. His book, *The Doctrine of the Church*, will be used as a basis for study. Nolan Howington, church training department, will be the Bible teacher.

The \$15.00 registration fee covers the cost of a banquet, breaks and a copy of the adult, youth and children's books for Baptist Doctrine Week. Age-group representatives will be on hand to answer any questions.

WMU Sets First House Party

By Wilda Fancher
Mississippi WMU will develop its first houseparty, Sept. 12-14, at Camp Garaywa, Clinton, around the theme "Discovering and Using My Spiritual Gifts."

Central in the development of this theme will be three sessions of Bible study on the theme topic led by James Fancher; vespers and missionary moments led by Mrs. Jack Glaze and Mrs. John McFadden; specialty conferences, workshops, and methods conferences led by experienced WMU leaders; Sunday morning worship service led by Jack Glaze; and presentation of a senior adult musical, "Count on Us" by senior adult choir of Parkway, Jackson, directed by Mrs. Fred Muse.

James Fancher, Jackson, in July began his tenth year in full-time evangelism after 23 years in pastorate including Bay Springs Church, First Church of Florence and First Church, Aberdeen. He preaches approximately 35 revivals each year. A graduate of Mississippi College and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, his denominational service includes serving several terms as associational moderator, being a member of the Education Commission, being chairman of the trustees at Clarke College, and serving on various Convention committees.

Jack and Jean Glaze moved their field of service in theological education and homemaking from Argentina to Clinton, where he is chairman of the Religion Division at Mississippi College.

Fonce McFadden, medical technician, and her physician husband work in Eku, Nigeria, where he is involved in a general medical practice, sharing in the patient care in a 160-bed hospital. He also works with an association of 15 churches and preaching points.

The Heavenly Sunlight Singers, a group of senior adults at Parkway Church in Jackson, will present "Count On Us," a musical written especially for senior adults by Sarah Walton Miller and Don Madaris.

Among the specialty conferences will be sessions concerning learning about people of other faiths, Christian growth, husband-wife relationships, parent-child relationships, and nurturing mission volunteers, missionaries and MKs. Leaders will include Mrs. Hollis Bryant, Ethel McKeithen, James and Ewilda Fancher, Mrs. Joe Barber, Jr., and Mrs. Guy Henderson.

Methods conferences will include instruction in working with Acteens in Studiaet, working with GAs in Missions Adventures, planning and implementing mission action, and planning and implementing churchwide mission studies and projects.

Workshops will be conducted on how to have a prayer retreat, how to select and train WMU leadership committees, how to begin a Big A Club, how to keep records, how to plan a WMU budget, how to have a parents' meeting with GA and Mission Friends parents, how to have a recognition service, how to pray for missions and missionaries. Workshop leaders will include members of the state WMU staff and Mrs. Guy Henderson and Mrs. Dot Porter.

The WMU Houseparty is for members and officers of Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women, for all general WMU officers, and for directors and leaders of the age-level organizations. It is also for the prospective member, officer, director and leader.

Beginning with supper at six on Friday night, the houseparty will close with a 10:30 brunch on Sunday, following Sunday School and morning worship.

Cost for the weekend will be \$22 per person. Reservations may be made by mailing name, address and phone number, and name of church, along with the \$22 per person, to WMU Houseparty, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Deadline for registration is September 8. No refunds will be made after September 10.

Every person in the world may not become a personage. But every person may become a personality. The happiest people are those who think the most interesting thoughts. Interesting thoughts can live only in cultivated minds. Those who decide to use leisure as a means of mental development, who love music, good books, good pictures, good plays at the theater, good company, good conversation — what are they? They are the happiest people in the world; and they are not only happy in themselves, they are the cause of happiness in others. — William Lyon Phelps.



James and Ewilda Fancher, taken at Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary in Baguio, standing between pictures of former Presidents Lide and Walker, for whom the Lide-Walker Lectures, which the Fanchers gave in January, 1980, were named. James will lead the Bible study on "Discovering and Using My Spiritual Gifts" at the WMU Houseparty at Garaywa, Sept. 12-14. James and Ewilda will lead one of the specialty conferences, Husband-Wife Relationships, at the Houseparty.

Mississippi Baptist Activities

- Aug. 4-5 Kindergarten/Day Care Clinics, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (CAPM)
- 4 - FBC, Laurel
- 5 - FBC, Grenada
- Aug. 6 World Hunger Day (CAC Emphasis)

Bi-Vocational Pastors' Meetings Set Regionally

Regional bi-vocational pastors' conferences are set in August and September in five places around Mississippi. They include a fellowship meal and a message by J. T. Burdine, of the Home Mission Board.

The first will be held at the Covington-Jeff Davis Association office in Prentiss, Aug. 21, at 6:30 p.m., L. B. Atchison, director of missions.

The second will be at the Simpson County Association office at Mendenhall, Aug. 22, at 6:30 p.m., Glen Schilling, director of missions.

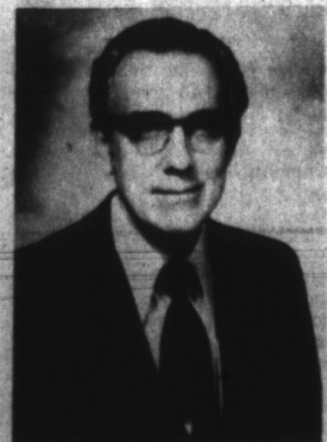
On Sept. 2, a session will take place in Monroe County at First Baptist Church, Aberdeen at 6:30 p.m., Roger Dorsett, director of missions.

Union County Association will host a session at First Baptist Church, New Albany, on Sept. 4, at 6:30 p.m., Marvin Cox, director of missions.

And on Sept. 5-6, Calhoun will offer a Friday night and Saturday morning session. It will take place at Second Baptist Church, Calhoun City, beginning at 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 5, and continues on the 6th beginning with breakfast at 7:30 Saturday morning. Marvin Bibb is director of missions.

All five meetings will have on hand a representative from the SBC Seminary Extension Department. The first two will have Jim Ryan; the last three, James Reed.

Hollis Bryant, of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Cooperative Missions department, will be on hand at all five sessions. He asks that interested persons make supper reservations with the appropriate director of missions at least one week prior to the session they plan to attend.



Jack Glaze, chairman of the Religion Department at Mississippi College, former missionary to Argentina, will conduct the Sunday morning worship service at the WMU Houseparty at Garaywa, Sept. 12-14.



Pictured is a group of deaf persons and interpreters in a planning session for the Mississippi Baptist Conference of the Deaf to be held Oct. 24-26 at Camp Garaywa in Clinton. Richard Alford, language consultant for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board presides while Betty Smith, secretary of the Board's Student Work department interprets.

Deaf Meeting Planned

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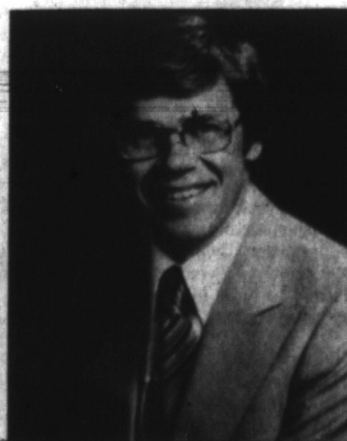
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Message: Jim Henry Pastor, FBC, Orlando, Fla.



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Maintaining our Southern Baptist position . . .

We must have faith

When we decided to become Baptists, all of us who have made such a decision, we decided at the same time to become affiliated with a religious group of people who do not insist that everyone believe exactly alike in every respect in order to be a part of the group.

We must have that allowance in beliefs in order to be Baptists, for one of the doctrines that we all hold as inviolate is the one we call the individual priesthood of the believer, and soul competency.

Nobody but the Lord can tell any one of us what we must believe. So while there cannot be any Baptist statement of beliefs other than the Bible, we tried (in 1963) to formulate a statement that would generally describe Baptist positions.

Because we have no way of arriving at a firmly established and complete set of Baptist beliefs without its becoming a creed, there are varying concepts among Baptists. Many of us are prone to say that those whose beliefs vary from ours are not Baptists. Yet we cannot have a creed if we are to remain Baptist.

Many hailed the statement of Baptist Faith and Message of 1963 as being as fine a presentation of such beliefs as could be compiled. The tragedy of the hour, however, is that the statement is in danger of becoming our creed.

Most Baptists would say that the statement describes Baptists but is in

no wise binding on them.

But others would declare that these are the conditions that describe Baptists and they must be adhered to or the one failing to fit the conditions is not a Baptist. Many would say the statement is not restrictive enough and would seek to draw its conclusions into a tighter circle and make them binding. The Southern Baptist Convention this year moved in that direction. If the Baptist Faith and Message Statement is ever once used by the body of Southern Baptists (the convention) to exercise control over a person's beliefs, then we are no longer Baptists and should begin calling ourselves something else. We don't have to be Baptists to be religious, but we cannot have a creed and be Baptists. We can continue to do all we are doing in the name of the Lord around the world without being Baptists. If we become creedalists, we will not be Baptists. Our work can go on, but we won't be Baptists.

Our discussions seem to revolve around seminary faculties, and we have to make some decisions. We have to allow our seminary professors to dig and probe and think, or we are going to force them to operate only in the framework of the "historic Baptist position." If we chose the latter, we are going to have to define such a position, for it has not been defined until now. Once defined, it may allow professors to dig and probe and think. If

we are ever able to come to a totally acclaimed definition and then we insist on its being used, we will have become creedalists. Even if we all agree on what we are, to insist we have to be that is creedal.

We may indeed and properly so insist that our seminary professors stay within the "traditional Southern Baptist position," if we can determine what that is: for it is true that to some extent missions funds are used to make provisions for their ministry. Once we have made such demands on our faculties, however, will we extend the same demands to convention messengers? Why not, if we make those demands of our professors? If we do, we have established a creed.

It is true that Southern Baptists are changing. We have changed a great deal in the lifetime of the writer. My concepts were begun in the 1930s and are pretty generally conservative, but there have been changes in Southern Baptists. We have become more sophisticated and much more affluent. That has changed us. We have become less rigid in many ways.

The obvious question that remains, however, is how are we going to go about preserving our "Southern Baptist heritage," whatever we might conceive that to be, without the adoption, in order to get it done, of something that at least is in danger of being called a creed.

The answer is in exercising faith.

We must have faith in the Lord to guide those who are dealing with the Scriptures. We must have faith in those who are dealing with the Scriptures that they will pay attention to the Lord. We must have faith in our Southern Baptist system and in the election of trustees that those trustees will exercise responsibility and that their work will be with administrative people who are also dedicated and responsible. We must have faith in the students as they study and continue our faith in them as they move into pastorates and other positions. We must have faith in denominational staff people to guide our world-wide witnessing efforts.

If we have this faith, we can move on with our hope and goal of witnessing so that all the world may have the opportunity of hearing the gospel before the end of the century.

If that faith is broken, we cannot move until it is restored, regardless of what it takes to restore it.

I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting system through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune him in. — George Washington Carver.

There is no place for silent Christians under the administration of the Holy Spirit. The pressure of God upon the heart inevitably finds escape at the lip — Charles Henry Parkhurst.



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Augustine McPhail

For one woman to serve as WMU director, later as Church Training director, and still later as Sunday School director, all in one church, is an unusual occurrence. Or so it strikes me. Augustine McPhail has been all three at Main Street Church, Hattiesburg.

She lives at 615 Woodbine Lane, where Marjorie Rowden Kelly lived before she moved to Jackson. I went there to see her, but getting information about her from herself was like pulling teeth. "I'm not to be congratulated," she said. "It's a Christian's responsibility to serve the Lord."

Other people haven't minded telling me about her though — and all they have said has been good. Her pastor, John Barnes, told me, "She is a dedicated worker for the Lord. She is unselfish, always thinking of others."

Except for a few years at Providence Church, she has never belonged anywhere except Main Street since she was baptized there at nine. For a while, in her teens, she wanted to be a foreign missionary. "But God called me to serve through Main Street."

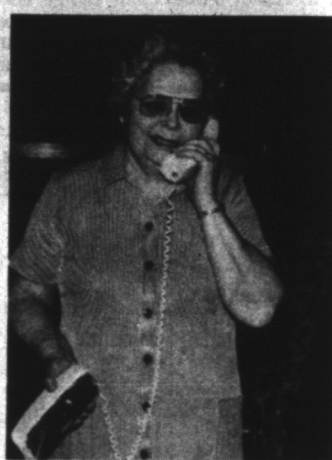
While she was WMU director (eight years) enrollment grew to include all women of the church but 28, and numerous youth organizations. As Church Training director (13 years) she three times saw attendance pass 1,000. Since she became Sunday School director four years ago (following the death of her husband Homer and her subsequent retirement from a career as teacher and supervisor of high school English teaching) she has seen a Cradle Roll started and Homebound department reactivated. Also departments have been organized for young marrieds, preschoolers, and singles, as well as a couple's class for young adults.

Mrs. Jeanette Travis, a member of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, told me, "Augustine is a positive person, a dynamo. She serves the Lord with gladness." Augustine admits, "I never take a job that I don't feel the Lord is leading me to do. And when I accept a church job I expect to work at it devotedly."

As Sunday School director she gives much time to working with church and people. She has learned the names of almost all 1,200 enrolled in Sunday School, as well as the class each is in. She knows approximately which 400 on the church roll are not on the Sunday School roll. In addition, she keeps other prospect lists. Besides, she spends hours on the phone, for she believes enlistment is "one to one." I suspect she often calls Atlanta, too, for her son Ray and his wife Diane and their two children live there.

Aubrey Lucas, president of University of Southern Mississippi, said of her: "She is a very gracious, generous person with a wide circle of friends. She is the kind of person who always has a word of encouragement and is a very loyal friend. Though I am not a Baptist, I have always been impressed with her loyalty to her church."

Clyde Muse, president of Hinds Junior College, former superintendent of schools in Meridian, knew her when she was state supervisor of English teaching. He said to me recently: "She is one of the outstanding educators in



Mississippi. She is excellent at working with people; her personality and attitudes elicit the finest response from others."

After Augustine Hudson married Homer McPhail, merchant and cattle farmer; they went to live in the Providence community; she taught English at Eatonville, Fla. B.A. and M.A. degrees are from USM; and she has completed most of the requirements for a Ph.D.

Her joy in the Lord's service began with an event that occurred six years after marriage, soon after the birth of her only child. Spontaneously she shared this beautiful testimony with me, and I begged her to let me pass it on to you.

Six years she and Homer had longed for a child; then Ray was born. Shortly afterward, Augustine realized her vision was rapidly blurring. Within hours it was almost gone. One doctor told her she had a brain tumor. A second said uremic poisoning had destroyed the optical nerves; he held no hope for returning sight, but gave her typhoid fever shots to raise her temperature and kill the poison in other parts of her body. (Medicine we now use was not available then.)

She fought against God and blamed Him. She grieved because she could not see or care for her baby. After 21 days of total blindness she awoke late one night, violently ill. Her hair was all tangled and her face drawn and pale from nausea, but Homer said to her, "You are beautiful. I love you." She thought, "If he can love me even in this state, then I know God loves me enough to make me happy, even without my eyesight."

At that moment she stopped fighting and turned her problems over to God completely and said, "I give You my sight. I give You my baby, my life, my everything." In that instant, she knew she would see again. Gradually, over the next three months, to her doctor's amazement, her vision returned.

The expression in her alert brown eyes softened, as in her rich, deep voice she declared, "I learned the secret of the Christian life then. It is to say, 'Thy will be done, Lord,' — and mean it."

Advice is the one thing which is "more blessed to give than to receive."

For budget committees . . .

Salary survey reports available

As churches face budget finalization time shortly, the committees dealing with their financial affairs will find helpful the 1980 Church Staff Salary Survey Report that has been sent to every pastor in the state.

The report was prepared and distributed by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Department of Church-Minister Relations and Annuity. Clifton Perkins is the director, and William H. Sellers is the associate. Sellers operates primarily as annuity representative for the state.

The report was sent to the pastors in the state because the Baptist Building has a mailing going to the pastors once each month. This mailing includes just about everything going to the churches as a postage-saving measure. The finance or budget committees may obtain the copies from the pastors, or they may contact the Department of Church-Minister Relations for a copy. The point is that these committees

need to know how their churches compare with others across the state in staff member salaries. There is no need for the family of a church staff member to suffer financially because the church is not aware of what is being paid for his position. This book will give that information.

A church cannot in good conscience take the attitude that if a staff member is not paid enough he can go to another church which would pay more. Thankfully, Baptist church staff positions are not filled in that manner. It is not as if an employee of one company were to decide that he wasn't being paid enough and so he would go to other companies to determine their pay scales. When he found one he thought was enough better than his present position he would make application.

The Baptist church staff person approaching his situation in such a manner would find very shortly that he would be needing to make application

with secular employers. The Baptist concept is that the Lord will find the place of service for the workers He has called into His service, and those workers will stay where placed until the Lord (or, regrettably, sometimes someone else) lets it be known it is time for him to go to a new place of service. Thus he is always at the mercy of the church in the matter of salary. This is as it should be; but the church, in fulfilling its part of the ministry, must be adequately informed and responsive.

This book will make such information available to every church and make possible the proper response. The book is broken down to give salary guidelines in the following categories: pastor, associate pastor, minister of education, minister of music, minister of music/education, minister of music/youth, minister of activities, minister of youth, age group ministries, bi-vocational pastor, bi-vocational minister of music, bi-

vocational minister of music/youth, associational director of missions, and bi-vocational associational director of missions.

The church statistics are broken down according to the size of churches. For each there are the highest, lowest, and average figures for total compensation, direct income, fringe benefits, and church business expense. The same figures are given for directors of missions and are broken down by the number of churches in the associations.

There may be church finance/budget committees that would feel they would be able to perform their functions without the knowledge to be found in this book. It is hard to imagine, however, that any committee would not be better able to function once it had availed itself of this knowledge. It is to be had for the asking, and to fail to ask would seem almost to amount to negligence.

Guest Opinion . . .

Dad, how 'bout my allowance?

By Guy Henderson
Consultant, Department of
Stewardship
and Cooperative Program Promotion

"Dad, how 'bout my allowance?" are familiar words in many households. Sparked by anticipation, the question often brings a grimace on the part of the parents. An outstretched hand and eager words on how it will be spent often accompany the weekly request. It is small wonder that some wit would note that "for each teenager who turns 16 you have two adults who turn pale."

Allowance is the modern version of profit sharing for the whole family. It's a 20th century prodigal asking for his

share of the inheritance piecemeal. The total amount doled out each week to the under-20 generation must be in the millions. Television and radio seek daily to influence this group with advertisements slanted for their attention. Teenage magazines are flourishing, and many new products are spawned each year in return for the youthful dollar.

How much, how soon, and how come are questions parents will ultimately have to face. Guidelines, suggestions, and general information can usually be obtained in family-type magazine; but each child must be considered separately. Age, the economy, family income, peer group per capita allowance, and other variables must be considered. Perhaps more important, in the mind of many, is the teaching that comes with the allowance.

"Can we skip the economic lecture" must be on the mind of many children on allowance day. How hard Dad had it when he was growing up, earning his own income by age 12, working without pay, and walking four miles to schools,

seldom prohibits the question nor greatly alters the amount. Mark it down — we are teaching each time this economic dribble confronts us. The big question is: What are we teaching?

Stewardship deals with the earning, spending, and giving of one's income. Various polls have indicated that good stewards received their growing convictions from their parents in their youthful years. It is a good time to speak of what money can say and what it cannot buy. Attitudes are shaped and hammered out on this economic anvil that will prevail in the years to come. Biblical admonitions on covetousness can be pointed out and the perils and possibilities of possessions can be assessed.

This teaching cannot be left to the church alone. The relationship to material things is forming in the child's mind. At the beginning of a voyage, it is so important that the ship be on the right course. After the compass course by one degree at the beginning and it means you could be off

course by hundreds of miles at the voyage's end. It's in the home where the child begins this voyage, and you perform a real service when good stewardship practices are taught. The child's mind, like clay, can be shaped and molded to include great stewardship concepts that will benefit him for the rest of his life. From the crib to the campus is the span for your input to count.

Is it important? Your child, like it or not, will have to deal with money the rest of his life. It has become an emotional-explosive aspect of life and much mental duress has money in the background. National surveys have indicated money problems to be primary reasons for divorces in nine out of ten cases. It creates tension and interminable arguments in the home. The fiscal facts of life are urgently needed by our children today. The stewardship truths that you give will far outlast the money of an allowance.

"Why do I tithe? . . . why I remember when I was quite young and my Dad said to me. . . ."

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Randy P. Magar

New Orleans Seminary

Editor:
This letter is an appeal to any of your readers who attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary when the campus was located on Washington Avenue in the heart of uptown New Orleans. First-hand impressions and experiences of former faculty members and students who taught and studied while the seminary was on Washington Avenue are being sought for an article that I

am writing for future publication in a Baptist periodical.

Replies from anyone who taught or studied at NOBTS on Washington Avenue are welcome and will be greatly appreciated.

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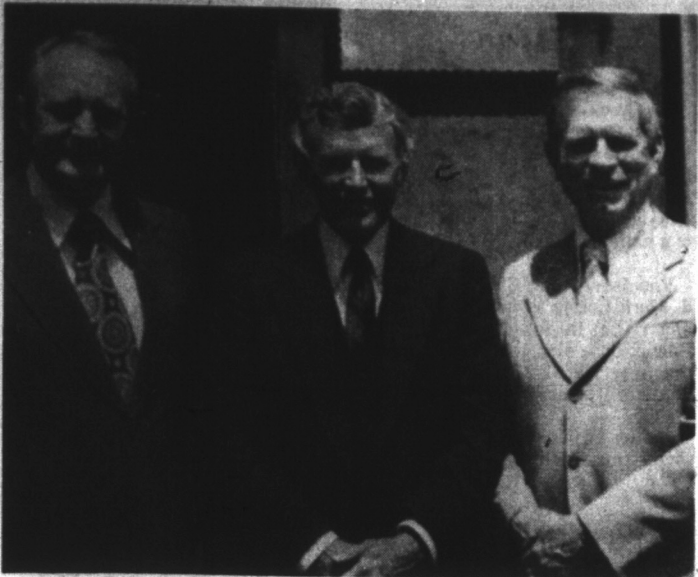
Uniform Lesson Series

Editor:
Thank you for putting the Uniform

Sunday School Lesson in the Baptist Record again. I have missed it in the past few weeks. I do hope you will continue to use it in the future.

Marie Jones
Kilmichael

The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do, well, and doing well whatever you do, without a thought of fame. — Longfellow.



Claypool Preaches In Rome

John Claypool, pastor of Northminster Church, Jackson, and Mrs. Claypool have been in Europe and the Middle East for three months of study. On June 15, Claypool preached at the Rome Baptist Church (English language), Rome, Italy. He is pictured above at center with two Southern Baptist missionaries who work in Rome: Robert Holifield of Soso, Miss., left, treasurer of the Italian Baptist Mission, and William C. Ruchti, Texas and Georgia, right, who is pastor of the Rome English language congregation.

Pennies Support World Missions

By Norman Jameson
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The world mission enterprise of the Southern Baptist Convention is funded by voluntary contributions which amount to a fraction of the money given in 35,605 local churches.

Churches decide individually what percentage or dollar amount of their budget they want to send for world missions through the denomination's Cooperative Program. In 1974-75, the gifts averaged 8.84 percent of the offering plate dollar received by the local church.

That money is then sent to the church's Baptist state convention office of which there are 34. Once a year the local churches send messengers to their state convention meeting, where, among other things, they decide what percentage of the income received by the state convention to forward for work administered by the BC agencies.

Historically, the state conventions have forwarded about 35 percent of their income for SBC causes. Many are currently into long-range plans that will raise that percentage.

Eighteen convention agencies then derive their primary support from those funds forwarded to and disbursed by the SBC Executive Committee. The Sunday School Board and Woman's Missionary Union receive no SBC Cooperative Program funds. The Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board derive about half their budgets from annual special offerings.

The 18 agencies, established by messengers at annual Southern Baptist Convention meetings over the years, survive on about 35 percent of the 8.8 cents of each offering plate dollar forwarded by local churches.

That means 3.1 cents of each offering plate dollar from Southern Baptist churches supports the work of two mission boards which employ 6,000 career missionaries; six theological seminaries with some 11,000 students (and the Seminary Extension Department for another 10,500 students); plus the work sponsored by other agencies such as the Brotherhood, Christian Life, Education, Historical, Radio and Television, and Stewardship commissions; the Southern Baptist Foundation; Annuity Board; the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; and the Convention operating budget.

The mission boards and seminaries will receive 90.22 percent of the funds in the 1980-81 budget. The other 10 agencies will share the remaining 9.78 percent.

(Jameson is BP feature editor.)

Homecomings

Rock Bluff (Smith) will hold homecoming day on Aug. 3. The morning service will begin at 10:45. Tommy Miles, pastor, will preach. Dinner will be served on the grounds. An afternoon service will feature singing by "The Professors" from Moselle.

Union West Church, LaFayette Association, will observe homecoming on Aug. 3. Ron Boswell, BSU director at the University of Mississippi, will preach at the morning service. A program of singing will be presented during the afternoon, according to Melvin Crawley, pastor. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

First Church, Boyle, in Bolivar County, will observe homecoming day on Sunday, Aug. 31. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11. Jim McCrary, a former pastor at Boyle, will preach.

Lunch will be served at the church. During a musical program to begin at 1 o'clock, the violin group, "Rock of Ages," will perform. There will be no Sunday night service, according to a statement by Harvey J. Webb, pastor.

Oak Grove Church, Shubuta, will begin a week of activities with homecoming on Aug. 3. Dinner will be served on the grounds after morning worship. A Gospel Sing at 2 p.m. will feature The Second Generation of Oak Grove. The evening service will begin

immediately after the gospel sing.

A revival will begin with the Sunday morning service, the evangelist to be Max Jones of Pearl. Services Mon.-Fri. nights will begin at 7:30 p.m.

A Gospel Sing Saturday night, Aug. 9, at 7:30 p.m. will feature the Ridgeways, according to Bobby Walker, pastor.

The 41st anniversary and homecoming will be held at Southside Church, Jackson, on Aug. 3. Southside was organized Aug. 7, 1939. Percy Cooper was pastor until 1947. S. W. Valentine was pastor 1947-74. In August, 1975, Fred Fowler began his pastorate there.

Highlights for the 41st anniversary will include 9:45 a.m. Bible Study with the youth and adults meeting for a unified service with John Alexander, director, Stewardship department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, teaching the lesson. Grades 1-6 will be taught by Gene Rester, including a special lesson for the day with puppets. The special speaker for the 11 a.m. service will be S. W. Valentine. An old fashioned dinner on the grounds will be served at noon.

At 6 p.m., the film, "Heavenly Deception," will be shown. Chris Elkins will introduce the film telling of his experiences with the Moonies. At the 7:30 p.m. worship hour E. C. Harpe, former music minister of the church, and Alice Davies will give a Concert. This will be followed by a watermelon cutting.

Washington Countians Renovate Korean Church

A team of volunteers from Washington County Association renovated the Long Beach Korean Baptist Church at Long Beach, Calif., June 14-21. The trip was undertaken as a home missions effort in connection with Bold Mission Thrust.

The team of nine built a platform for the pulpit and choir, finished most of the dry wall preparation for painting, installed windows, relocated an existing inside wall, and cleaned up the church property.

Roy D. Raddin, director of missions, Washington Association, was coordinator of the project. The association learned of the need through the state Brotherhood department.

The group flew to Long Beach, and then traveled by church van to and from the work site. Several churches and individuals in the Washington Association made contributions toward financing the project. The association paid \$125 on each plane ticket, and asked the team members to pay \$150 each. When ticket prices went up, the association took care of the difference.

Churches represented on the team included First, Greenville; First, Leland; Greenville, Greenville; Glendale and Parkview, Leland; Hollendale; and Bogue, Greenville.

Before leaving, the team members met three times, blueprints in hand, to discuss work that needed to be done at the Korean church.

In assessing the value of the project, Raddin said, "I felt this was one of the greatest mission projects in which I have ever been involved. We felt our group was a blessing to the Korean people, but all of us felt we received the greatest blessing from them. We'd go back tomorrow."

He added, "I know all nine people who took part in this project will be

goodwill ambassadors to our association for any additional trips we may plan. All those who took part have said their lives will never be the same following this experience."

Frank and Elba Hope of Leland expressed it this way: "The privilege and pleasure of working with and for fellow Christians brought blessings beyond our ability to express in mere words. The English language group of Christians and the foreign language group of Christians were brought closer together and even with the language difference were made more aware of what Christian brotherly love is all about."

Dwight Livingston said, "I received a different perspective on mission activities and needs. I attained a deeper commitment to making myself avail-

able to Christians throughout the U.S. and the world. We were able to build a closer relationship between ourselves and the Korean people. The Korean people saw their project become a reality and at the same time were pleasantly surprised to see people come from so far away to help them."

Robert Haney, Greenfield pastor, when asked if he would recommend that others become involved in such a mission activity said, "With all my heart. This is a mission persons can involve themselves in. Where they can never be foreign or home missionaries, they can be missionaries in this way. The skills are not that important; God gives the skill when needed. The will to go is the key to being a blessing and being blessed."



Volunteers from Washington County Association in Mississippi who took part in a church building project at Long Beach Korean Baptist Church in California are pictured with four from the California church. Back row, left to right: Roy D. Raddin, Greenville, project coordinator; Mike Smith, Leland; James Parks (Calif.); Robert Haney, pastor, Greenfield, Greenville; Willie Stewart, Greenville; John Parks (pastor of the Korean Baptist Church); Mrs. John Parks; Frank Hope, and Mrs. Frank Hope, Leland. Front row: Soon Hee (Calif.); Dwight Livingston, Wayside; Jody Nichols, Leland; John Fleming, Hollendale.

Tulsa, Okla. (EP) — The Tulsa Hospital Council, which unsuccessfully tried to halt construction of Evangelist Oral Roberts' 30-story hospital here, is now trying to stop it from opening. The hospital is part of the evangelist's controversial City of Faith medical complex dedicated to "merge faith, prayer and medicine."

Tulsa hospitals have opposed the construction of the Oral Roberts hospital on grounds that the city has already too many hospital beds. Roberts holds that his hospital will draw patients from millions of his followers across the nation and won't affect Tulsa hospitals.

One touch of nature makes the whole world kin. — William Shakespeare

Carterville Joins Med Team In Honduras

Carterville Church of Petal (Lebanon) participated in a mission trip to Honduras, for the second consecutive year.

The Carterville group was a part of a medical mission team working through the Honduras Baptist Dental and Medical Mission.

Members of Carterville who made the trip were Susan and Mark Lott, Annette and Thomas Davenport, Boyd and Barry Tweedy, Leland M. Hogan, pastor, Tillman McWilliams, Arthur Herrin, and Dwight McKenzie.

Other team members included Donald Conerly, Petal, physician; Robert Holifield, Laurel, dentist; Ed Jones, Biloxi, dentist; Kathy Brewer, Hattiesburg, pharmacist; Mrs. Henrietta Horn, Petal, nurse; Mrs. Audrey Edwards, Petal, nurse; Jim Buie, Byram, interpreter and chalk illustrator; and Terri James, Laurel, assistant.

While in Honduras the team worked in the villages of Orolopi and Taumba. The doctor and nurses treated over 1,500 patients and the dentists pulled over 900 teeth. More than \$6,000 worth of medications were dispensed.

Also 25 worship services, for both adults and children, were held, resulting in 43 professions of faith. Other areas of ministry included puppet programs, music, and distribution of tracts.



Robert Holifield, dentist, prepares for work on patient.



Carterville and medical mission team members working in Honduras were, left to right, back row: Barry Tweedy, Robert Holifield, Susan Lott, Annette Davenport, Dwight McKenzie, Arthur Herrin, Tillman McWilliams, Donald Conerly. Middle row: Kathy Brewer, Audrey Edwards, Mrs. Henrietta Horn. Kneeling: Mark Lott, Leland Hogan, Thomas Davenport.



Susan Lott gives out tracts.



Puppets talk to Honduran children, through the mouths of (left to right): Susan Lott, Mark Lott, and Barry Tweedy.

Revival Dates

Crooked Creek (Lawrence): Aug. 3-8; Sunday morning, afternoon, and evening services and dinner on the ground; during week at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Cliff Estes, evangelist; Leonard Walters, pastor; special music-Sunday afternoon by the Countrymen from Hattiesburg.

Sardis Church, Hazlehurst (Copiah): Aug. 3-8; Kenneth Westbrook, pastor of Central Church, Melbourne, Florida, evangelist; Donald Curtis, music evangelist; Sunday services 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. with lunch served at noon; weekday services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Lamar Jolly, Pastor.

Parkhill Church, Jackson: youth-led revival; Aug. 22-24; Ronnie Jones of Staline Church, Staline, a senior at Mobile College, speaker; Don Pratt, a senior at Samford University, Birmingham, leading the music; Steve Mooneyham, minister of youth and activities at Parkhill; services at 7:30 Thursday through Saturday nights and at regular times on Sunday.

Clifton Church (Scott): Aug. 3-8; Onan Gardner of South Louisville Church, Louisville, preaching; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Clayton Hart, pastor.

Robinson Church (Rankin): Aug. 3-8; Leo Humphrey, New Orleans, La., evangelist; Curtis Hatcher, Lakeshore, Jackson, music evangelist; Sundays - Homecoming with dinner on the grounds followed by an afternoon service; 7:30 p.m. night; Mike Pennock, pastor.

Mt. Zion Church (Pike): Aug. 3-8; Gary Strehlow, pastor Mt. Zion, Simpson, evangelist; Smiley Conerly, Spring Creek, Kentwood, La., music evangelist; Sunday services 11 a.m., lunch at the church and 7:30 p.m., week day 7:30 p.m.; James Barrentine, pastor.

Longview Heights Church, Olive Branch: Aug. 10-15; services daily 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; evangelist - Tommy Tutor, First Church, Benton, Ark.; singer - David K. Pierce, First Church, Sikeston, Mo.; pastor - Armond D. Taylor.

Rock Bluff (Smith): Aug. 4-8; at 7:30 p.m.; Tommy Miles, pastor, preaching; George Dukes, song leader; homecoming on Sunday, Aug. 3.

Mars Hill Church, Summit: Aug. 3-8; M. Thomas Starks, associate professor of Christian missions and world religions, New Orleans Seminary, preaching; Randy Miller, minister of music Red Bluff, La., leading music; services at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday; 7:30 p.m. during week; Greg Long, pastor.

New Haven (Choctaw): Aug. 3-8; W. Levon Moore, director of missions, Atlanta Association, evangelist; John Sapp, minister of music-youth, Ackerman Church, song leader; Norman A. Perkins, pastor; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. except Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Bunker Hill Church (Marion): Aug. 3-8; 10:30 a.m.; 7:30 p.m.; Jerry Henderson, pastor, Petal-Harvey Church, Petal, evangelist; J. R. Blakney, Monroeville, Ala., music director; Wanda Robbins, organist; Mrs. David Perry, pianist; David Perry, pastor.

Smyrna Church, Hazlehurst: Aug. 3-8; Stan Weatherford, pastor of Spring Hill Church, evangelist; Myrna Loy Hedgepeth, music evangelist; Dexter Ware, pastor; dinner on the grounds and homecoming on Sunday, Aug. 3; services during week at 7 p.m.

Goodwater (Lauderdale): Aug. 3-8; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; Billy Whitaker, pastor, preaching; Harold Holingsworth, Jr., directing music.

Fellowship, Bellefontaine (Webster): Aug. 10-15; 11 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. on Sunday; 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. week days; visiting Evangelist, Jack Gregory, pastor, West Heights Church, Pontotoc; music director, Randy Wilson; pastor, Winston Ross.

Jayess Church: Aug. 3-8; Hubert "Bud" Swindall, pastor of Heucks Retreat Church, evangelist; Mickey Sandifer, music director of Topeka Church, music leader; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; services during the week at 7:30 p.m.; Mike Mitchell, pastor.

Old Silver Creek Church (Lawrence): August 1, 2, and 3; services Fri. and Sat. at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. with dinner at the church; Van Windom from Nola Church, Lawrence County, preaching; Doug Warren, pastor.

Goodwater Church (Smith): Aug. 3-8; Billy Ballard, pastor Union Church, Smith County, evangelist; Wayne Thornton, music minister; Mrs. Myrna Robinson, pianist; services 7:30 p.m.; Hurshell Thornton, pastor.

Wayside Church (Yalobusha): Aug. 3-8; Joel Haire, consultant, Stewardship department Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, evangelist; Curtis Berry, Water Valley, leading the music; services Sunday morning and night at regular time; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; Carl E. Hayes, pastor.

Pleasant Grove near Laurel: Aug. 3-8; Mon.-Fri. at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Bartis Harper, evangelist; Robert Winn, leading the music; Dicky McAlister, pastor.

Forest Hill Church, Jackson: Evangelist Jerry Wayne Bernard; July 27-Aug. 1, at 7:30 p.m.; Wilbur Irwin, pastor.

Rankin Baptists Assist Five Nevada Churches

In April, Rankin County Baptist Association voted to send \$6,000 to the Nevada Baptist Convention for the foundation and stem wall of the Calvary Baptist Mission Church located east of Dayton, Nevada, on Highway 50 and Flowerly Avenue. Jerry Peterson, pastor, said that this mission church is

the only Gospel preaching church in the valley of 5,000-7,000 people. They had 54 persons attending worship on June 8 in a single wide mobile unit. A construction crew from Oklahoma and Greene County, Miss., completed the foundation work on June 10 for the 2736 sq. ft. building.



Rankin County group at Calvary Baptist Church, Dayton, Nev.

Missionary News

W. H. Goynes, father of Mrs. R. T. Buckley, missionary to Bangladesh, died July 3 in Picayune, Miss. 39466. Mrs. Buckley may be addressed at Box 99, Dacca 2, Bangladesh.

Michel and Bonnie Simoneaux, missionaries to Japan, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 3427 Somerset Dr., New Orleans, La. 70114). He is a native of New Orleans. The former Bonnie Rushing, she was born in Magnolia, Miss., and lived in Summit, Miss., and New Orleans while growing up.

Thomas and Pamela Starkey, missionaries to Benin, have completed language study in France and arrived on the field (address: B. P. 114, Abomey, Benin). He was born in Minneapolis, Minn. She is from Portland, Ore.

N. Greenwood Ordains Joe May
By Walter Yeldell, Pastor
North Greenwood Church
Joe May was ordained to the gospel ministry by North Greenwood Church on June 1.

Joe was a very successful business man, in his early thirties, and was very much involved in many of the activities of his church: a deacon, a Sunday School teacher, a Sunday School director, very much involved with youth work.



May

Robert Preston Dent Jr., missionary journeyman to Liberia, has completed his term of service and returned to the States (address: Rte. 3, Box W, Holly Springs, Miss. 38635). A native of Mississippi, he was born in Jackson and grew up in Holly Springs. Before he was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in July 1978, he was director of activities and youth at First Baptist Church, Holly Springs. His mother, Mrs. Bob Dent, is state WMU president.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Young, missionaries to Benin, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Baptist Mission, Magura (Jessor) Bangladesh). He is a native of Thomastown, Miss. She is the former Guinevere Jenkins of Kosciusko, Miss.

Joe said that he thought he could satisfy the Lord, and himself, by being busily engaged in many church activities, but he said he could never get away from the fact that the Lord was calling him into full-time Christian service.

Joe is a graduate of Mississippi State. He is married and has two children. He grew up in Charleston, Miss.

Joe will be resigning his position the first of August and entering New Orleans Baptist Seminary. His family will remain in Greenwood, Miss., where he hopes to work with one of the local churches on weekends.

Churches and individuals of Rankin Association are now providing a pastoral salary supplement to enable Louis Nimmo, pastor of Sunnyside Mission Church in Las Vegas, to stay on the field. The mission church has 40 members, but the space they are renting in a shopping center to hold worship services cost \$800 per month and Nimmo has been serving without a salary for some time. They are looking for property for a church site and land is selling at \$50,000 per acre. The mission church is sponsored by a church which can only give limited support. Mrs. Nimmo taught school and her husband had been serving as a substitute teacher during the past school year.

The association also voted to continue to assist five churches in Nevada within the next five years. The churches will also be sending construction crews, VBS workers, backyard Bible study workers and survey teams over the next few years to assist churches in Nevada. As results come from the Nevada Baptist Convention they will be shared with the churches.

Drew Honors

Mission Appointees

The Drew Baptist church recently honored Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pettet with a special service and dinner on the ground.

Tom and Robbie, natives of Philadelphia and graduates of Mississippi College, are awaiting appointment as associate missionaries with the Foreign Mission Board.

The theme of the day was "I Press Toward the Mark." During this time the Pettets were recognized for a decade of faithful service through the Drew Baptist Church. They have been active in every phase of church life. Tom is an ordained deacon.

The church presented them each with a New Testament and a monetary gift. The mission offering of the Bible School was also presented to the Pettets to be used for missions when they begin their work as missionaries.

Mr. Pettet has been superintendent of the Draw Public Schools for the last ten years. He and his wife, Mrs. Tom Pettet, now live at 536 Peebles Ave., Philadelphia, Miss. 39350.

Glen Burton Ake

Is Convicted Of Douglass Murders

EL RENO, Okla. (BP) — Glen Burton Ake, 24, has been convicted of first degree murder in the shooting deaths of Richard and Marilyn Douglass.

Douglass, pastor of Putnam City Baptist Church, and his wife were killed in their home last October.

Ake's co-defendant, Steven Keith Hatch, 26, was found guilty on similar charges and sentenced to death two months ago.

Ake was sentenced to death by drug injection by the seven-woman, five-man jury on the murder counts and was given two 500-year sentences on charges of shooting with intent to kill in the wounding of the Douglass' children, Brooks, 16, and Leslie, 13.

Formal sentencing for Ake was set for July 25. Appeal of the death verdicts is automatic.



Grace (Jones) Builds Sanctuary

When Grace Church, Jones County, broke ground for a new sanctuary, Maurice Flowers, Jones County director of missions, delivered the message. The building, now under construction, will seat 330. Completion date was set for Sept. 7. Building Committee members are Ronnie Williams, chairman, L. D. Gatlin, Jr., E. W. Williams, Arnold Overstreet, Melvin Scruggs, and Lynard Henderson, Mac Parker is pastor.

New Zion Choir

Will Sing At Lula Church

The youth choir of the New Zion Church, Tyertown, will present a musical at the Lula Church, Bolton, Hinds-Madison Association, Carlos Smith, youth choir director, Clark Stewart is Lula pastor. The presentation will be Friday night, Aug. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

Staff Changes



Hall

First Church, West Point, has called David Hall as pastor. A native of Mauriceville, Tex., he was graduated from East Texas Baptist College with a B.A. in religion and English; from Southwestern Seminary with the Master of Divinity degree; and from Luther Rice Seminary with the Doctor of Ministry degree.

He goes to West Point from Plantersville where he has served since 1974. Mrs. Hall is the former Wanda McDuffie of Jasper, Tex.

Glen Puckett, Jr. is the new pastor of East McComb Church. He and his wife Judy and their two children were welcomed July 13 with a reception and a pounding.

Robert Goodman, is new minister of music at First, McComb. He recently received a Master's degree from Southwestern Seminary. He and his wife Donna and son have moved to Pike Association.

Oscar Russell, pastor of East Side, Gulf Coast, has resigned.

Walter McCraw, pastor of DeLisle, Gulf Coast, has resigned.



Jon Doler and his wife Scotti and their daughter Andrea were honored by the congregation of Adaton Church in a recent morning worship service. They were presented a silver tray as a token of love and appreciation. Doler, pastor at Adaton since June, 1977, has resigned to accept the pastorate of First Church, Raleigh.

While serving at Adaton (Oktoberfest County) Doler had been associational moderator and associational Brotherhood director.

Ray Hawkins has resigned as pastor of the Shuqualak Church to accept the pastorate of Calvary Church, Columbus.

Fred Lawrence has resigned the pastorate of Big Creek Church, Calhoun County. He and his wife have moved to a new field of service at Bethel Church, Fredericksburg, Va. Before leaving, they gave a breakfast of appreciation for the pastors and wives of Calhoun County.

Barry Ward of Flora, graduate of Clarke College, has been called as pastor of Mt. Comfort Church, Calhoun County. He and his wife, Renee, and their young son have moved on the field.

Jim Jeffreys is the new pastor of Rocky Mount Church, Calhoun County.

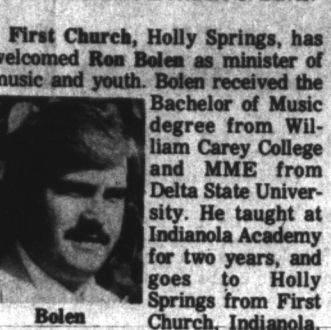
Northside, George County, has called Eugene Little as pastor.

Glen Puckett is the new pastor at East McComb Church.

First Church, Long Beach, has called David W. Spencer as pastor. He began preaching there on July 20. He and his wife Connie are the parents of two sons, Brett and Jonathan. Spencer is a native of Sardis.

Vancleave, First Church has called J. Mark Helms as minister of music and youth. He leaves First Church, Phenix City, Ala., where he served in the same capacity. He is a graduate of Samford University with a degree in music.

Helms is married to the former Cindy Amos of Opelika, Ala. The pastor at Vancleave is Robert C. Davis.



Coulter

First Church, Holly Springs, has welcomed Ron Bolen as minister of music and youth. Bolen received the Bachelor of Music degree from William Carey College and MME from Delta State University. He taught at Indianola Academy for two years, and goes to Holly Springs from First Church, Indianola.

He and his wife, the former Penny Hooper of Cleveland, have one daughter, Christie.

Roger Stacy has resigned as pastor of the County Line Church in Crystal Springs. He has accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Blanding, Utah. The Stacys are moving, in answer to the Bold Mission Thrust challenge. They were approved for the Church Pastoral Assistance program in March of 1980. The Home Mission Board approved their move to Blanding, Utah July 15. He will begin his duties there Aug. 10. His mailing address is: Box 652, Blanding, Utah 84511.

Neely Church, George-Greene Association, has called LaRue Stephens as pastor.

Tommy Leach, Baptist Student Union director at Northeast Mississippi Junior College at Senatobia has resigned to enter Clinical Pastoral Education.

He will work in the one year program under Chaplain James Travis at the University Medical Center in Jackson. He is slated to begin the program work Sept. 15.

John Hillman has become pastor of East Palestine Baptist Church, Picayune. He served 17 years as pastor of McDowell Road Baptist Church in Jackson prior to going to Picayune. George Roberson of the Gateway Rescue Mission, is supply pastor at the McDowell Road church.

Jerry Gale King, professor of accounting at William Carey College, has been named Dean of the college's School of Business, according to an announcement by Joseph M. Ernest, Jr., academic vice-president. King will begin his new role on August 15.

King has previously served as chairman of Carey's department of business administration from 1969 to 1976, when he accepted the chairmanship of the Department of Accounting at Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond. He returned to Carey last year as professor of accounting. Other teaching experience includes positions at Middle Tennessee State University and the University of Arkansas.

A native of Liberty, he received both bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from the University of Southern Mississippi. He earned a doctorate in accounting from the University of Mississippi in 1975.

King will replace Steve Robinson as dean. Robinson has resigned to accept a position as professor of business administration and economics at Carson-Newman College in Tennessee.



Coulter

Jamie Coulter Sings At New Pleasantdale

New Pleasantdale Church near Philadelphia held an old-fashioned outdoor barbecue and singing on Saturday, July 26. Featured singers were the New Lawman Quartet, The Corinthians, Jamie Coulter, and the Christian Way Singers, and various local groups.

The singing began at noon and lasted until 7 p.m. Any profits, from the barbecue were to go toward the building fund for the new sanctuary now being built. J. C. Herrington is pastor.

Jamie Coulter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Coulter of Hamburg, Ark., is 13 years old, 28 inches high and weighs about 25 lbs. He was born with 28 fractured bones and has had 27 major operations. At birth the doctors said, "He has no chance to live." Jamie has brittle bone disease or osteogenesis imperfecta.

Jamie has been singing gospel music since he was big enough to talk, but only in public since 1973. He has been on the cerebral palsy telethon for the past five years. He went from door to door in his wheelchair last year and collected \$1,500 to donate to C.P. He sings at nursing homes, revivals and benefit sings all over Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

He united with Jarvis Chapel Baptist Church, Hamburg, on July 14, 1978. His hobbies are singing, playing the guitar, hunting, and fishing, and he is now known as "The All-American Skateboard operator." Since he will only go by skateboard, he refuses to sit or use his wheelchair anymore.

A beggar, with a hat in each hand, approached a prosperous-looking man on the street.

"What's the idea of two hats?" asked the man.

"Business was improving," replied the beggar, "so I opened a branch office." — Grit

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Names In The News

Ann Watts, member of Strengthford Church, near Laurel, celebrated her 100th birthday on Sunday, June 8. That Sunday, Gale Anderson, the Strengthford pastor for 23 years, preached the morning sermon, challenging all to live the quiet, Christian life that "Aunt Ann" Watts had lived.

All assembled in the Edd T. Cooley Fellowship Hall of the church where tables of food were waiting, as well as a birthday cake embossed with the message: Happy Birthday, Aunt Ann, 100 years old.

Ann Watts and her 83-year-old sister, Mrs. Emma Poole, have lived near the Curtis Overstreet family for the past 55 years. During this time "Aunt Ann" has been loved and cared for by this family — Lizzie Overstreet, her niece; Dorothy Overstreet, her great niece; Ruby Busby, her great niece; and Norton White, her great-nephew.

She and Mrs. Poole still do their own cooking. She attends church when she is able, and was present for the birthday celebration. Last summer she attended revival without missing a single service.

Vincent H. Cross at age 64 has received a Doctor of Bible Theology degree with honors from the external study department of the International Bible Institute and Seminary in Orlando, Fla. Cross is pastor of two churches, in Attala County, Edgefield and Harmony.

He has been pastor for over 30 years, and has served in eight or ten counties in Mississippi. His ministerial training began many years ago; he holds Bachelor and Master of Bible Theology degrees, and also has been the recipient of a Doctor of Divinity degree.

Cross and his wife live at 934 Pinehill Circle, Carthage, Miss. 39051 (phone 267-9706).



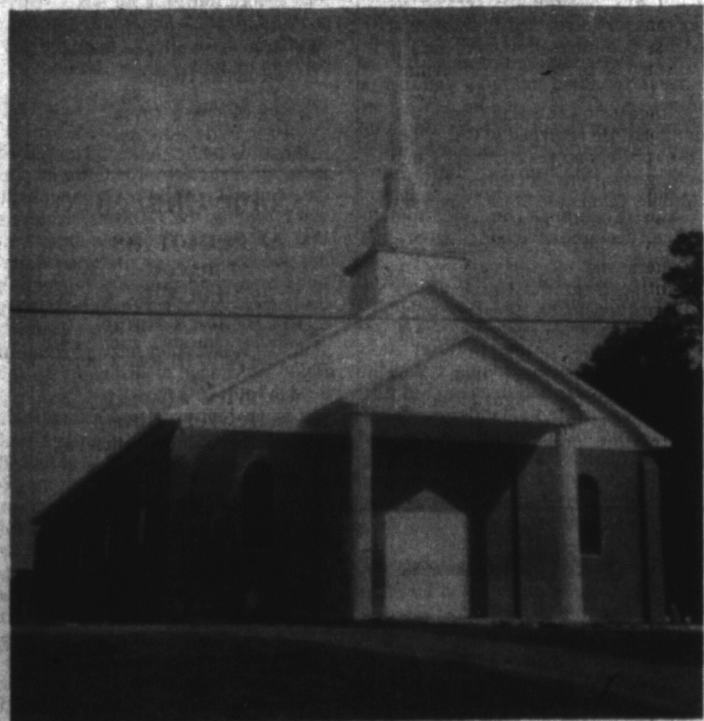
Steve Jordan and James Roughton, both students at Mississippi College, are shown here with Landrum Leavell, II, president of New Orleans Seminary. The two Mississippi students attended the seminary in June as President's Honor Scholars. Their selection was based on the recommendation of the religion department of Mississippi College. Consideration was given to spiritual commitment and scholastic accomplishment.

Hopewell Group Presents Bibles To Children At Fort Peck VBS

Four youths and seven adults from Hopewell Church, Copiah County, traveled to Poplar, Montana to teach in two Vacation Bible Schools on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. It was the second year a group from Hopewell had gone to Poplar to assist the missionaries, Oliver and Ellie Lee Marson.

Earlier in the year, the Hopewell congregation set aside a special Sunday to donate money to buy Bibles for the children in VBS in Montana. They presented the Bibles on the last day of each Bible school.

The group included Riley Ainsworth, pastor, and Mrs. Ainsworth, Mr. and Mrs. James Chandler, Mrs. Chris Reno, Mrs. Peggy Powell, Mrs. Melba Howard, Minnie Powell, Susan Byrd, Connie and Pam Chandler.



Calvary Dedicates Sanctuary

Calvary Church, Natchez dedicated a new colonial style sanctuary on Sunday, July 20. The auditorium will seat 800.

The morning dedicatory message was delivered by J. B. Sebastian and the afternoon sermon by Russell Naron. The pastor, David Strebeck, led the dedicatory prayer. Those providing special music included Mary Strebeck, Nancy Strebeck, Linda Beach, Mary Rose Buckles, Cynthia Strebeck, and Steve Strebeck.

Ground was broken for the new sanctuary on January 7, 1979, in a temperature below freezing. The steeple was raised July 15, 1980, in 102-degree weather. "God has been with us in every extreme," the pastor said. "To Him be all the praise and glory."

Debbie Emfinger, architect, designed the building which (plus furniture) cost \$197,828. The congregation first worshiped in it on March 2 of this year.

Building Planning Committee members included Harvey Beach, Sr., Harvey Beach, Jr., James Seyfarth, George Segrest, Woody Buckles, and Billy Ray Mullins.

The Sunday School enrollment has grown in two years from 151 to 388. Last year there were 50 baptisms, which placed Calvary as the Number two church in the Adams association in baptisms.

Bob Cook, new pastor of Oldtown Church, Calhoun County, was ordained at Shiloh Church on July 6 at the evening worship service.

Bill Blue of Vardaman has erected a new steeple on the Sabougla Church.



Mt. Olive Church, Tippah County, licensed Marvin Robbins, left, to the gospel ministry on July 13. Robbins, a graduate of Pine Grove High School, attended Northeast Mississippi Junior College and is beginning his third year at Blue Mountain College. He is married to the former Pam Shackelford of Ripley. They have one son, Larry Harrison, right, pastor at Mt. Olive, presented the license. Robbins, available for supply preaching, may be contacted at Route 3, Ripley, Miss. 38663 (phone 601-837-8626).

A. L. McDaniel Jr., 38, has been named regional director for the Home Mission Board Department of Interfaith Witness. McDaniel, currently pastor of Dolores Street Baptist Church in San Francisco, Calif., will serve the Western Region, which includes California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah-Idaho, Colorado, the Northwest (Washington-Oregon), the Northern Plains (North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming) and Hawaii.

Prior to his San Francisco pastorate, McDaniel has been pastor in Fremont, Livermore and South Lake Tahoe, Calif. He was appointed a home missionary in 1967.

Miss LaVelle Coker, member for 36 years of First Church, Tunica, died on June 7. The church has adopted a resolution in tribute to her.

The document states, in part: "She exemplified by the life she lived those qualities a Christian woman should possess: faithful expositor of God's Word; fervent in precept and example; a talent for leadership in many areas of her church — Sunday School, Training Union, WMU, and the music program; love and concern for those in need, which led to her church being known as a caring church; the knack of being a friend, giving encouragement and constructive criticism when she felt there was a need; a sense of humor and spontaneous wit which endeared her to those who knew her."

"As a Christian business woman, her keen mind and the principles which guided her life were evident to all those with whom she came in contact; her loyalty to her employers was surpassed only by her dedication to God and His cause. Her belief in the inspired Word of God and her love and concern for the lost led her into service with people of other races and creeds, not only in Tunica and Tunica County, but in other places."

Timothy D. Sullivan has been ordained into the gospel ministry by Southside Baptist Church, Jackson.

Tim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Sullivan, of Jackson, and the grandson of Mr. J. J. Sullivan and the late Mrs. Sullivan. Mr. Walter Butler and the late Mrs. Butler. He is a graduate of McCluer Academy and a 1980 graduate of the University of Mississippi where he majored in social work. He served as a summer missionary in Kansas City, Missouri, during the summer of 1978. He also served as president of the Baptist Student Union at Ole Miss. Tim is on the staff of Southside Baptist Church as youth and activities director. He plans to do graduate work this fall at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

Mike Creswell will become an associate editor of The Commission magazine, the monthly publication of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, on Aug. 1.

Creswell, 30, a news writer for the General Board of South Carolina Baptist Convention since 1974, will carry out writing and editing responsibilities and provide other assistance in magazine product, said Leland Webb, editor. His duties will also include overseas writing and photographic assignments on the mission fields.

A native of Pelzer, S. C., Creswell is a graduate of University of South Carolina at Columbia and Southeastern Seminary. He and his wife Christie have two children.

Seminary Extension Awards Diplomas

Mary Chancellor and Mrs. Pauline Chancellor were awarded diplomas in Christian Education at the summer graduation exercises of the Mississippi College Center of the Seminary Extension Department.

The exercises were held in the music suite of First Church, Clinton. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bacon provided the music, and Hollis V. Bryant, consultant, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, delivered the address.

The Chancellors are members of Van Winkle Church, Jackson. John Brock, pastor.

Over 300 people have taken seminary extension courses at the Mississippi College Center during the past nine years, according to Eugene I. Farr, director.

Baptists Fight Brewery Plans

VONCORE, Tenn. (EP) — A coalition of 70 Baptist churches has opposed plans of the Adolph Coors Co. to build a brewery here, but promoters said the majority of Voncore people favor the plans. The Colorado-based beer firm is considering two sites for its first brewery east of the Mississippi River, one in Voncore on the banks of the Tellico Lake and the other near Elkton, Va.

Member churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association have been circulating petitions urging Coors not to locate the proposed brewery at Tellico Lake. A spokesman said Baptists cannot compromise their beliefs against alcoholic drinks because of economic development.

"With all its drudgery, sham, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world." — Max Ehrmann

The holiest of all holidays are those kept by ourselves in silence and apart; The secret anniversaries of the heart. — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.



ECRU WORK TEAM (left to right): Bush Hamilton, deacon; James Speck (chairman of deacons); Jon Browning; Charlie Stubblefield; Jack Hattox, deacon; Charles Stubblefield, pastor. SEATED: Steve Willis; Lewis McGee, deacon.

Ecru Men Build For Arabs In Michigan

Laymen of Ecru Church, Pontotoc County, have returned from a mission work project in Southfield, Mich.

The work project was to repair the roof of an Arab Baptist Church building. Two men of the Michigan Baptist Convention gave strong support and leadership to the project. Roy Adams, business director of the convention, purchased the necessary supplies and had them delivered to the work site, and Barney Anderson, coordinator of volunteer work, was on the work project daily, giving assistance to the repairing.

The building of the Arab Baptist Church is owned by the Michigan Baptist Convention. It is in an area of 28,000 Arabic speaking people. At the present time its great need is to have a pastor on the field.

The work team was composed of eight men of the Ecru church: James Speck, chairman of deacons; Lewis McGee, Church Training director; Bush Hamilton, deacon; Jack Hattox, deacon; Charles Stubblefield, pastor; and three young people, Jon Browning, Charlie Stubblefield, and Steve Willis.

Previous projects of the Ecru Church have been to Gardiner, Mont., to assist in the building of the Gardiner Church, Bill Riley, pastor, and to Arnold, Md., to assist in the erection of a pre-fab building for the College Parkway Baptist Church, David Yeager, pastor.

Ecru men visited the Dequindre Road Baptist Church, Warren, Mich., and the Madison Heights Baptist Church, Madison Heights, Mich. They shared their testimonies; their pastor led in the worship services.

Chairman of the deacons, James Speck is a medical doctor. The men traveled in two mobile homes belonging to Speck and Jack Hattox. They also lived in the vehicles while on location.

The roof of the Arab Church had been leaking for several months, but the small congregation could not afford a large repair bill. The Ecru work team made the repairs possible.

Anderson coordinates volunteers for the Baptist State Convention of Michigan.

Robert Fancher Is Chosen Luce Scholar

Robert Fancher of Jackson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Fancher, has been notified by the Henry Luce Foundation that he has been selected as a Luce scholar for 1980-81.

Fancher was one of 15 such scholars chosen from a nationwide selection of more than 150 nominees.

Luce scholars are described as being young people who have shown strong evidence of becoming leaders in their professions. During their scholarship period they spend a year working in their professions in an Asian country. Fancher will teach in Seoul National University in Seoul, Korea. He will have orientation periods at Princeton University, in San Francisco, and in Hong Kong.

Fancher is a senior teaching fellow in the Department of Philosophy at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., where he is a candidate for the doctor of philosophy degree. He is a graduate of Aberdeen High School, Mississippi College, and Southern Illinois University. He is married to the former Nan Bagwell, who attended Mississippi College and is a graduate of Southern Illinois University.

Henry Luce, the founder of Time magazine, established the Luce scholarship program with the aim of fostering better understanding between Oriental and American customs. The scholars are nominated by 60 universities in the nation on invitation from the Luce Foundation. The selections are made in two stages, first by interviews with foundation personnel and subsequently by panels of qualified business and professional people.

Fancher's father is James Fancher, an evangelist based in Jackson; and his mother is Wilda Fancher, a staff member of the Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Trenor Sr. of Houston and Mrs. Mary Parkes Fancher of Louisville.

Just For The Record . . .



ACTEEN QUEENS at JAYESS were crowned and GAs were recognized in a coronation service at Jayess Church June 15. ACTEEN QUEENS, left to right, are: MISSY POWELL, TABBY BOYD, PEGGY SANDIFER, PATSY SANDIFER, and JEWEL BOYD. GAs recognized were Shirley Rutland, Jenny Boyd, and Anna Powell. Mike Mitchell is pastor.



Pictured is the Royal Ambassador Crusaders group at New Zion Church, Tyler, Tex. They were organized in September, 1979 with one member and now have 12 regulars. One of their projects is to make Spanish toys for shut-ins in the community. Meetings include prayer, recreation and missions activities. Officers are: Steve Armstrong, president; Troy Armstrong, vice president; Jamie Lambert, secretary; and Carlos Smith, counselor.

Renovation Continues At Prentiss

Prentiss Baptist Church in December, 1979 voted a \$190,000 renovation program, but the contract price came to about \$238,000. This improvement project includes the inside of the sanctuary and the front of the building. So successful has been the construction and financing that the church voted an additional amount at the July 16 business meeting for rearranging offices for the pastor, secretary, receptionist and director of early children education, and for landscaping.

"Generous giving has made all of this undertaking possible, and at the same time to continue large gifts to the cooperative program and missions, and to continue to rate high per capita in gifts in the state," said Kirby Tyrone, a member of the church.

It is anticipated that the congregation may re-enter the sanctuary in early fall. The church expects to pay off the debt by January, 1981.

David Michel is pastor.

James Clark, Former Clarke Professor, Dies

James L. Clark, 71, long time resident of Newton, died Monday evening, July 21, in Graham General Hospital at Graham, Tex.

He had been a member of the faculty of Clarke College from 1951 through 1974, and served as pastor of several churches in the area. He held a B.A. degree from the University of Miami and Th.D. from New Orleans Seminary.

Funeral services were at Winter Garden, Fla., on Sat., July 26, at First Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Ruth Miller Clark; two sisters; and two brothers. Clark was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Newton. A memorial service will be held at Calvary on Sunday, August 3, at 3 p.m.

Picnic-Goers Take Gifts To Farrow Manor

Around 60 adults attended the second annual Marshall Association picnic on the Farrow Manor Campus of the Baptist Children's Village Saturday July 12.

In addition to the picnic, gifts of money, school supplies, clothing and handmade quilts and pillows were brought for use at Farrow Manor.

Director of missions, Arthur Leslie, Mrs. Leslie, and representatives from Salem, Spring Hill, First, Holly Springs, Slayden, Carey Chapel, Red Banks, and Mt. Pleasant attended the outing and are already making plans for next year.

BIBLE PUZZLE ANSWERS

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"For who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked" (Eccl. 7:13).

